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SYSTEM

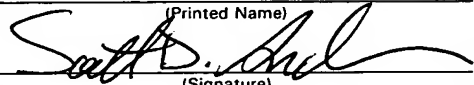
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the present Continuing Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-56 without prejudice.

Please add Claims 57-76 as follows:

- A1 57. A system for distributing utilities away from furniture elements carrying the utilities, comprising:
- an overhead utility beam moveably attached proximate one end to the furniture;
 - a utility access extension connected to the beam proximate the other end, the extension having a utility delivery zone thereon, the beam and the extension being configured to supply utilities to the utility delivery zone so that users may gain access to utilities routed through the furniture at a point away from the furniture.